Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Nam	e (indicate pro	eferred name)		
historic	Dellinger Farm			
and/or common				
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	End of dirt road f	rom south side of Roe	oute 68,	not for publication
city, town	Pinesburg	X vicinity of	congressional district	
state	Maryland	county	Washington	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district- X_ bullding(s) structure site object	Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition in process being considered X_not_applicable	Status _X_ occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible _X_ yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use _X_ agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park X private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names ar	nd mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name				
street & number			telephone no).:
city, town		state	and zip code	
5. Loca	ation of Lega	al Description	on	
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7. Description

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Condition X excellent deteriorated good ruins fair unexposed	Check one _X_ unaltered altered	Check one _X_ original site moved date of move	·
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dellinger Farm is located at the end of a long dirt road from the south side of Route 68, west of Cedar Ridge Road near Pinesburg. The farm contains a large brick house, a stone and frame bank barn, and frame corncrib. The complex is set in rolling farmland. To the east of the buildings, however, the western end of a gravel opeation at Pinesburg Station is an intrusion on the landscape and setting of the farm.

The house and barn are both unusually large and substantial for this area; according to the current owner, the farm property once extended south to the Potomac River. The house is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories high, gable-roofed, and faces east; it is built into a slight bank that slopes from west to east. It has a main block and ell of the same height. The main block of the house is five bays wide by two deep, and its general size and proportions are larger, wider, and higher than many similar brick farmhouses in the area. There are two brick interior end chimneys on the main block and one on the ell.

The principal (east) facade contains five 6/6 double-hung sash windows on the second story, all surmounted by brick jack arches. The first floor has a central doorway flanked on each side by two windows like those above. The wide doorway is framed by a transom and sidelights. A one-story wooden porch with turned posts extends across this facade and is reached by wooden stairs. The gable ends, ell, and west elevation of the house contain windows like those on the principal facade. The west elevation contains a doorway in the north end bay. In the attic story of the south gable end of the main block is a date stone which was not completely legible to the surveyor; it contains the name Dellinger, the date 1863, and other words. The owner verifies that Dellinger was the builder of the house.

The large bank barn on the property is located to the southwest of the house. It is built into a bank sloping from west to east, and has a characteristic forebay on the east side and large doors on the west side. The base of the barn is built of limestone; this is visible on the underside of the forebay, on the foundation walls of the gable ends, and on the west side where the stonework is higher and forms the west wall of the barn. The doors in this wall are flanked by a slightly projecting stone outshot on each side. Above the stonework, the barn is of frame construction. To the east of the barn and south of the house is a frame corncrib and another small frame building. All the buildings in the complex appear to be well maintained and have very few exterior alterations.

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	Level of Significance:national x_state	_local
Prepare support.	both a summary paragraph of significance and	a general statement of history and

The Dellinger Farm is significant architecturally for its very well preserved farm house and barn, both of which are excellent examples of their type. The large brick farm house is an example of the Georgian I-house, an important house form in this region, and is unusually elegant and substantial for this particular area. The house is dated by a stone in the south gable end wall, giving the builder as a Mr. Dellinger and the date as 1863. The bank barn is also in an excellent state of preservation, and a very good example of its type.

The property is shown on the 1859 Taggert atlas of Washington County as that of Frederick Dellinger, who also owned another large tract to the southwest, bordering the Potomac River. Why the building is shown on the 1859 atlas, but is dated 1863, is not clear; perhaps an earlier house was on the site or this one was in the process of construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, An Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland, Philadelphia, 1877.

Taggert, T., A Map of Washington County, Maryland, 1859.

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